

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A BUSINESS APPLICATIONS SERVER****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5                   The present invention provides a solution to the needs described  
above through a system and method for a business applications server. The  
automated system of the present invention uses a persistence framework to  
provide a process for saving and restoring state of business objects and for  
performing operations thereon, and metadata driven processes to dynamically  
10       define class properties and behavior for each class of business object, in order to  
control the execution of the required tasks with minimum use of redundant data  
input to the several applications, thereby minimizing the use of hardware  
resources and user input and programming effort.